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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *May 4, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Nuclear weapons lab worker seriously burned in accident.** Nine Los Alamos National Laboratory employees were hospitalized May 3 after an accident occurred while they were performing preventative maintenance in an electrical substation that provides power to the New Mexico lab's Neutron Science Center. Authorities are investigating the incident and officials reported that portions of the lab remained without power.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/nuclear-weapons-lab-worker-burned-accident-30798188>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *May 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Mississippi) **Mississippi's Suburban Plastics fails to correct workplace hazards following OSHA inspection.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued four safety and health citations to Suburban Plastics Co., May 4 for violations at its Grenada, Mississippi plant which included failing to have electrical conductors in conduit or another enclosure, failing to protect live electrical parts from accidental contact, and for not developing procedures to avoid accidental machine start-up during maintenance or service. Proposed fines total \$50,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27903

3. *May 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **Lack of protective equipment for Republic Steel plant electrical results and 1st and 3rd degree burns after arc flash.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Republic Steel Corp., in Blasdell May 4 with one serious and two repeat violations May 4 for failing to protect employees against contact with energized equipment, following an investigation into an October 2014 incident that injured a worker. Proposed penalties total \$147,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27903

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. ***May 4, KMGH 7 Denver*** – (Colorado) **Longhorn Bandit strikes again: Suspect robs credit union in Broomfield; 9th target, FBI says.** Denver authorities are searching for a suspect dubbed the “Longhorn Bandit” who is allegedly responsible for six bank robberies, one casing, and two attempted robberies in the area since February. The suspect’s most recent robbery included a Public Service Credit Union branch in Broomfield May 4.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/longhorn-bandit-strikes-again-suspect-robs-credit-union-in-broomfield-9th-target-fbi-says05042015>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. ***May 5, WVIT 30 New Britain*** – (Connecticut) **Bridgeport man killed in Fairfield I-95 crash.** Northbound lanes of Interstate 95 near Fairfield were closed for several hours May 5 after 1 person was killed and 2 others were injured in an accident involving a car that sideswiped another vehicle before it ran off the road and crashed into several trees.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Fairfield-Crash-Closes-I-95-North-302530791.html>
6. ***May 5, Longview Daily News*** – (Oregon) **One dead, several injured in crash that closes Highway 30 near Rainier.** U.S. Highway 30 south of Rainier in Columbia County was closed for more than 7 hours May 4 while officials responded to a 3-vehicle, head-on collision that killed 1 person and injured 3 others. The accident is under investigation.
Source: http://tdn.com/news/local/fatal-crash-closes-highway-in-rainier/article_50681cc6-1d83-5fc1-84b3-5ff961d9f2eb.html
7. ***May 4, KERO 23 Bakersfield*** – (California) **EPA cites Bakersfield oil train terminal for Clean Air Act violations.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued 10 violations to the Bakersfield Crude Terminal in California after the agency found that the terminal’s permit was invalid and that the facility lacked required pollution controls and emissions offsets.

Source: <http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/epa-cites-bakersfield-oil-train-terminal-for-clean-air-act-violations>

8. *May 4, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Barstow: Suicidal woman causes I-15 crash with big-rig, deputies say.** One lane of southbound Interstate 15 near Fort Irwin Road in Yermo was reopened 3 hours after all lanes were closed while officials investigated a deliberate crash involving a wrong-way driver that slammed into a semi-truck causing it to hit another vehicle before overturning and spilling fuel onto the roadway May 3. All southbound lanes reopened nearly 10 hours after the crash that left several people injured.

Source: <http://www.pe.com/articles/woman-766443-southbound-crash.html>

9. *May 4, KXAS 5 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Semi carrying cattle tips, shuts down Interstate 35W: Burleson police.** Southbound lanes of Interstate 34W in Burleson were closed for 3 hours May 4 while crews cleared the scene after a semi-truck carrying dozens of cattle overturned.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Semi-Carrying-Cattle-Tips-Shuts-Down-I-35W-Burleson-Police-302390951.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *May 5, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Chemical firm fined \$225,000 for Oklahoma pesticide disposal.** Helena Chemical Co., pleaded guilty May 4 to charges related to the unlawful disposal of unused pesticide at its facility in Welch, Oklahoma, where the company allegedly discharged the pesticide onto the ground and allowed it to run onto an adjacent property and into the Little Cabin Creek. The company was ordered to pay \$225,000 in penalties.

Source: http://www.knoxnews.com/news/state/chemical-firm-fined-225000-for-oklahoma-pesticide-disposal_52813167

11. *May 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California) **Poco Dolce Confections announces recall of Individually Wrapped Tile varieties: Almond, Aztec Chile, Burnt Caramel, Almond Coconut, Ginger, and Sesame Toffee.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported May 1 that Poco Dolce Confections of San Francisco issued a recall for six varieties of its Individually Wrapped Tiles chocolate products due to undeclared milk and mislabeling.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm445558.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

12. *May 5, WECT 6 Wilmington* – (North Carolina) **Water main break affects all of**

Silver Lake, Silva Terra area. Crews spent several hours repairing a water main break May 5 in New Hanover County that affected about 800 residents in the Silver Lake and Silva Terra areas. Officials stated that a precautionary boil water advisory will go into effect once repairs are completed.

Source: <http://www.wect.com/story/28977820/water-main-break-affects-all-of-silver-lake-silva-terra-area>

13. ***May 4, WKBN 27 Youngstown*** – (Ohio) **Chlorine leak stopped at Youngstown wastewater plant.** The Youngstown wastewater treatment plant in Ohio was evacuated May 4 when liquid chlorine began leaking from a pipe as workers were trying to switch one-ton tanks of the chemical, causing a loss of about 500 pounds of the substance. Residents near the facility were ordered to shelter-in-place while crews remained in the building until the liquid chlorine warmed up and dissipated after it froze into large puddles on the floor instead of evaporating into the air.
Source: <http://wkbn.com/2015/05/04/chlorine-leak-causes-evacuation-at-youngstown-water-plant/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

14. ***May 5, Middletown Times Herald-Record*** – (New York) **Firefighters battling blaze in Shawangunk Ridge State Forest.** Crews reached 75 percent containment May 5 of a wildfire that burned through 1,800 acres in Sullivan and Ulster counties. Authorities believe that the fire was started by a homeowner that violated a Statewide burn ban and burned debris outdoors.
Source: <http://www.recordonline.com/article/20150505/NEWS/150509715/101019>
15. ***May 5, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.*** – (Maryland) **Connelly School of the Holy Child closed Tuesday after fire.** A May 4 fire that started in a conference room at the Connelly School of the Holy Child in Montgomery County forced the school's closure May 5 with the exception of AP Calculus students who were scheduled to take exams.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Connelly-School-of-the-Holy-Child-Closed-Tuesday-After-Fire-302531291.html>
16. ***May 4, McAllen Monitor*** – (Texas) **Boil water notice in effect for Donna after water line break.** A water line rupture forced 13 schools in Donna, Texas, to close May 4 after water was shut off to the schools in the district while crews worked to repair the break. The city was issued a boil water advisory until further notice due to low water

pressure.

Source: http://www.themonitor.com/news/local/water-line-break-forces-several-donna-schools-to-close-for/article_551858ec-f26f-11e4-8e18-7381ac34f76d.html

17. ***May 4, KOB 4 Albuquerque*** – (Arizona) **7 Farmington Schools elementary students injured in bus crash.** Twenty students were transported to area hospitals after a Farmington Municipal Schools bus overturned near Red Valley, Arizona, May 4. The driver reported that the brakes went out as the bus was traveling down a mountain.
Source: <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/s3786127.shtml>

18. ***May 4, WXIA 11 Atlanta*** – (Georgia) **All-clear given at Clayton State University after bomb threat.** Classes were canceled at Clayton State University in Georgia May 4 after students and faculty members were evacuated from campus buildings due to a bomb threat. Police issued an all-clear after searching the campus for more than 6 hours.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/story/news/local/riverdale-jonesboro/2015/05/04/clayton-state-bomb-threat/26876911/>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. ***May 5, Daily News of Newburyport*** – (Massachusetts) **Regional dispatch center evacuated after fumes sicken 911 staffers.** An unknown odor from an HVAC unit prompted officials to evacuate dispatchers from the Essex County Regional Emergency Communications Center in Middleton May 3 and implement a contingency plan to handle 9-1-1 calls while crews worked to scrub the center and clean the air ducts of the system. Officials worked to restore operations by May 5.
Source: http://www.newburyportnews.com/news/local_news/regional-dispatch-center-evacuated-after-fumes-sicken-staffers/article_867988c5-7cba-5ed0-b6e2-ff465f92eb4e.html
20. ***May 4, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.*** – (Maryland) **300 gallons of sewage closes Beltsville fire station.** Personnel and operations at the Beltsville fire station in Maryland were moved to the Calvert Station indefinitely after the station was closed when 300 gallons of kitchen waste was discovered underneath the kitchen floor May 1 due to a broken sewage pipe. Officials reported that repairs were underway.
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/maryland/2015/05/04/sewage-leak-beltsville-fire-house/26867425/>
21. ***May 4, Vacaville Reporter*** – (California) **Riot at Vacaville prison injures three inmates, one officer.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a riot involving 58 inmates at California State Prison, Solano May 4 that left 3 inmates and 1 correctional officer injured before guards were able to stop the fights.
Source: <http://www.thereporter.com/general-news/20150504/riot-at-vacaville-prison-injures-three-inmates-one-officer>

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Information Technology Sector

22. ***May 5, Help Net Security*** – (International) **New AlphaCrypt ransomware delivered via Angler EK.** Security researchers at Webroot and Rackspace discovered and determined that a new form of ransomware resembling TeslaCrypt and CryptoWall, dubbed AlphaCrypt, is being delivered via the Angler exploit kit (EK). Researchers stated that it differs from other ransomware variants by deleting volume snapshot services (VSS) and executing quietly in background processes to avoid detection. Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=3033
23. ***May 5, Help Net Security*** – (International) **New infostealer tries to foil analysis attempts by wiping hard drive.** Security researchers from Cisco discovered a new information-stealing trojan dubbed Romberik, which is being delivered via spoofed emails purporting to be from the “Windows Corporation,” and hooks into users’ browsers to read credentials and other sensitive information for exfiltration to an attacker-controlled server. If the trojan detects an analysis attempt, it attempts to destroy the affected computer’s hard disk by overwriting the system’s master boot record (MBR). Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=3032
24. ***May 5, IDG News Service*** – (International) **Cybercriminals borrow from APT playbook in attack against PoS vendors.** Security researchers at RSA and FireEye reported cybercriminals began mimicking cyberespionage advanced persistent threat (APT) groups by deploying spear-phishing campaigns designed to infect point-of-sale PoS payment systems. The attacks delivered the Vawtrak banking trojan and a new document-based exploit kit (EK) called Microsoft Word Intruder (MWI). Source: http://www.networkworld.com/article/2918733/cybercriminals-borrow-from-apt-playbook-in-attack-against-pos-vendors.html#tk.rss_all
25. ***May 5, Help Net Security*** – (International) **Crimeware infects one-third of computers worldwide.** The Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG) reported that 23.5 million malware variants were detected in the fourth quarter of 2014, setting a new record that was up 59 percent from the second quarter of 2014. According to researchers, the retail/service industry was the most targeted sector, specifically through payment services. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18346>

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26. *May 5, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Fire rips through Hollywood shopping center, destroys three businesses.** A May 4 fire at a strip shopping center in Hollywood, Florida, destroyed three businesses and damaged two others, while smoke filled about six additional businesses that were safely evacuated. Firefighters remained at the scene May 5 to extinguish hot spots, while officials launched an investigation into the cause of the blaze.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/hollywood/fl-hollywood-plaza-fire-20150504-story.html>
27. *May 4, KLAS 8 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Data breach at Las Vegas Hard Rock.** Hard Rock Hotel and Casino notified some customers of the company's Hard Rock Las Vegas property that their personal information, including names and financial data, may have been compromised during a data breach that targeted payment card transactions from September 2014 – April 2. The attack was limited to customers who used a payment card at the Las Vegas property's restaurant, bar, and retail locations, and did not affect transactions at the hotel, casino, and several other locations on the property.
Source: <http://www.8newsnow.com/story/28973421/credit-and-debit-card-breach-at-las-vegas-hard-rock>
28. *May 4, Dallas Business Journal* – (National) **Sally Beauty investigating a possible second data breach.** Sally Beauty Holdings Inc., announced that it began an investigation May 4 into a possible breach of payment card data at some of the company's U.S. stores during the week of April 27. Sally is one of several merchants required to upgrade its checkout terminals by October following a March 2014 breach.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/dallas/news/2015/05/04/sally-beauty-investigating-a-possible-second-data.html>
29. *May 4, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Huge fire torches apartments, displacing at least two dozen.** At least 24 residents were displaced by a May 4 fire that destroyed or damaged up to 16 units at the Greentree Apartments in Oakland Park, Florida, and caused a stretch of North Dixie Highway to shut down for several hours. The blaze remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/oakland-park/fl-oakland-park-fire-20150504-story.html>

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